

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A circularly polarizing plate, comprising:

a complex type scattering-dichroic absorbing polarizer including a monolayer film that has a structure having a minute domain dispersed in a matrix formed of an optically-transparent water-soluble resin including an iodine based light absorbing material;

and

a quarter wavelength plate formed with one or more retardation plates.
2. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein the minute domain of the complex type absorbing polarizer is formed of an oriented birefringent material.
3. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 2, wherein the birefringent material shows liquid crystalline at least in orientation processing step.
4. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 2, wherein the minute domain of the complex type absorbing polarizer has 0.02 or more of birefringence.

5. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 2, wherein in a refractive index difference between the birefringent material forming the minute domain and the optically-transparent water-soluble resin of the complex type absorbing polarizer in each optical axis direction,

a refractive index difference (Δn^1) in direction of axis showing a maximum is 0.03 or more, and

a refractive index difference (Δn^2) between the Δn^1 direction and a direction of axes of two directions perpendicular to the Δn^1 direction is 50% or less of the Δn^1 .

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6. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 5, wherein an absorption axis of the iodine based light absorbing material of the complex type absorbing polarizer is oriented in the Δn^1 direction.

7. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein the film used as the complex type absorbing polarizer is manufactured by stretching.

8. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 5, wherein the minute domain of the complex type absorbing polarizer has a length of 0.05 to 500 μm in the Δn^2 direction.

9. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein the retardation plate forming the quarter wavelength plate is a stretched film of a transparent polymer film and/or a layer of an aligned and solidified liquid-crystalline compound.

10. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the retardation plates forming the quarter wavelength plate satisfies the formula:
 $0 < (n_x - n_z) / (n_x - n_y) < 1$, where n_x is a maximum in-plane refractive index, n_y is a refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the maximum in-plane refractive index is provided, and n_z is a refractive index in the thickness direction.

11. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein the retardation plate forming the quarter wavelength plate has reverse dispersion properties and satisfies the formula: $1.2 < (n_x - n_z) / (n_x - n_y) < 2.0$, where n_x is a maximum in-plane refractive index, n_y is a refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the maximum in-plane refractive index is provided, and n_z is a refractive index in the thickness direction.

12. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein the complex type absorbing polarizer and the quarter wavelength plate are laminated and fixed with a transparent acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive.

13. (Original): The circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1, wherein a transmittance to a linearly polarized light in a transmission direction is 80% or more, a haze value is 5% or less, and a haze value to a linearly polarized light in an absorption direction is 30% or more, with regard to the complex type absorbing polarizer.

14. (Original): An optical film comprising at least one of the circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1.

15. (Currently Amended): An image display comprising the circularly polarizing plate according to Claim 1 ~~or the optical film according to Claim 14.~~

16. (New): An image display comprising the optical film according to Claim 14.